

MISCELLANY

Under this department are ordinarily grouped: News; Medical Economics; Correspondence; Twenty-five Years Ago column; Department of Public Health; California Board of Medical Examiners; and other columns as occasion may warrant. Items for the News column must be furnished by the fifteenth of the preceding month. For Book Reviews, see index on the front cover, under Miscellany.

NEWS

Coming Meetings

American Medical Association, Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 10-14, 1935. Olin West, M. D., 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Secretary.

American Urological Association, San Francisco, June 24-28, 1935. William E. Stevens, M. D., 870 Market Street, San Francisco, Chairman, Committee on Arrangements.

California Medical Association, Yosemite National Park, May 13-16, 1935. Frederick C. Warnshuis, M. D., 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco, Secretary.

Medical Broadcasts*

American Medical Association Health Talks.—The American Medical Association broadcasts on a western network of the Columbia Broadcasting System each Thursday afternoon on the Educational Forum from 4:30 to 4:45, central standard time.

The American Medical Association broadcasts, under the title "Your Health," on a Blue network of the National Broadcasting Company each Tuesday afternoon from 4:00 to 4:15, central standard time.

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San Francisco County Medical Society.—The radio broadcast program for the San Francisco County Medical Society for the month of March is as follows:

Tuesday, March 5—KJBS, 11:15 a.m., and KFRC, 1:15 p.m. Subject: The Value of Animal Experimentation to Medical Science.
Tuesday, March 12—KJBS, 11:15 a.m., and KFRC, 1:15 p.m. Subject: Reasons for Periodic Health Examination.
Tuesday, March 19—KJBS, 11:15 a.m., and KFRC, 1:15 p.m. Subject: Overweight—A Liability.
Tuesday, March 26—KJBS, 11:15 a.m., and KFRC, 1:15 p.m. Subject: In Case of Accident.

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Los Angeles County Medical Association.—The radio broadcast program for the Los Angeles County Medical Association for the month of March is as follows:

Saturday, March 2—KFI, 9 a. m. Subject: The New Frontier.
Saturday, March 2—KFAC, 10 a. m. Subject: Your Doctor and You.
Tuesday, March 5—KECA, 11:15 a. m. Subject: The New Frontier.
Saturday, March 9—KFI, 9 a. m. Subject: The New Frontier.
Saturday, March 9—KFAC, 10 a. m. Subject: Your Doctor and You.
Tuesday, March 12—KECA, 11:15 a. m. Subject: The New Frontier.
Saturday, March 16—KFI, 9 a. m. Subject: The New Frontier.
Saturday, March 16—KFAC, 10 a. m. Subject: Your Doctor and You.
Tuesday, March 19—KECA, 11:15 a. m. Subject: The New Frontier.
Saturday, March 23—KFI, 9 a. m. Subject: The New Frontier.
Saturday, March 23—KFAC, 10 a. m. Subject: Your Doctor and You.
Tuesday, March 26—KECA, 11:15 a. m. Subject: The New Frontier.
Saturday, March 30—KFI, 9 a. m. Subject: The New Frontier.
Saturday, March 30—KFAC, 10 a. m. Subject: Your Doctor and You.

* County societies giving medical broadcasts are requested to send information as soon as arranged (stating station, day, date and hour, and subject) to CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco, for inclusion in this column.

Physicians' Income Tax for 1935.—The American Medical Association Bureau of Legal Medicine and Legislation, on page 403 of the February 2 issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association* prints its annual survey of the federal income tax requirements. The article discusses the income tax in relation to physicians, and is an excellent summary of the subject.

California Tuberculosis Association.—The 1935 annual meeting of the California Tuberculosis Association will be held in Long Beach, March 26 to 30. An extensive program has been arranged, the scientific papers being presented through clinical and sociological sections of the association. A large number of physicians and social welfare workers who are interested in tuberculosis work are included among the speakers.

All who are interested in copies of the detailed program may obtain further information by writing to the chairman of the Program Committee, Dr. Philip H. Pierson, or to the executive secretary of the association, Mr. William F. Higby, 45 Second Street, San Francisco.

Seventh International Congress on Industrial Accidents and Diseases.—The Seventh International Congress on Industrial Accidents and Diseases will be held at Brussels, Belgium, from July 22 to 27, 1935. The American Committee of the Congress is under the chairmanship of Dr. Fred H. Albee of New York for the Section on Accidents, and that of Dr. Emery R. Hayhurst of Columbus, Ohio, for Industrial Diseases.

The American delegation to the congress will sail from New York on August 8 and visit London, Amsterdam, The Hague and Paris and, optionally, Budapest. Physicians interested in the congress or in the medical tour in conjunction with it may address the secretary, Dr. Richard Kovacs, 1100 Park Avenue, New York.

American Urological Association.—On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 24 to 29, 1935, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., scientific sessions of the American Urological Association will be held in the Gold Ballroom of the Palace Hotel, San Francisco. On Wednesday the Ramon Guiteras lecture will be delivered by Dr. Hugh H. Young, professor of urology, Johns Hopkins University. On Friday the sessions of the Western Branch Society, American Urological Association will be held. On Saturday the Association will be the guests of the Oakland urologists. There will be operative and dry clinics at the Highland Hospital. In the afternoon there will be a boat ride on the Bay for the purpose of inspecting the sites of the bridges. From the standpoint of entertainment, on Monday, June 24, a golf tournament to be held at Lakeside Golf Club. Monday night, June 24, will feature a stag banquet at the Lakeside Golf Clubhouse. On Wednesday night the banquet of the American Urological Association will take place, and on Thursday night there will be a dinner dance. Both of these events will be held at the Palace Hotel.

All urologists who are members of the California Medical Association and who are interested, are invited to attend the scientific sessions as guests. Further information may be had by writing to Dr. Miley B. Wesson, San Francisco.

The American Society of Tropical Medicine.—At the thirtieth annual meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine, held in San Antonio, Texas, in November, 1934, the following officers were elected: President, Edward B. Vedder of Washington, D. C.; president-elect, Henry E. Meleney of Nashville, Tenn.; vice-president, Lewis W. Hackett of New York, N. Y.; editor, Charles F. Craig of New Orleans, La.; secretary-treasurer, Alfred C. Reed of San Francisco. This brings the secretaryship of the society to the University of California and is a recognition of the importance of tropical medicine, centering in the University of California and the Pacific Coast.

Press Report of American Medical Association Special Session of House of Delegates.—In one of the other departments of this issue the report of the American Medical Association House of Delegates is printed in full (see page 207). The "Associated Press" sent out the following report to the newspapers on its circuit:

Forced Sickness Insurance Opposed at Assembly of National Association.—The American Medical Association recently reiterated its vigorous opposition to compulsory sickness-insurance plans being studied by the President's Committee on Economic Security.

But it tempered its stand by approving projects for setting up a system of voluntary illness insurance on a community basis.

Decrying what it termed attempts to regiment the profession in proposed legislation and attacking certain sections of the Wagner Bill embodying the National Administration's social security program, the Association's House of Delegates adopted a declaration of policy for its one hundred thousand member physicians.

The report, carried unanimously at the second extraordinary session in the organization's history, set forth:

"The House of Delegates of the American Medical Association reaffirms its opposition to all forms of compulsory sickness insurance whether administered by the Federal Government, the governments of the individual states or by any individual, industry, community or similar body."

A Motion-Picture Film for Mothers.—In order to educate mothers who are about to assume the responsibility of the care of the newborn, a film has been produced. The care and feeding of infants as it should be done in the average home, as well as advice for the mother's own health, is shown in detail.

The film was produced by the department of obstetrics and gynecology of the University of Southern California at Los Angeles, under the personal direction of Doctors Lyle G. McNeile and Donald G. Tollefson, in coöperation with the producers of Carnation Milk.

It is a 35-millimeter film in three reels, requiring about thirty-five minutes to show, and was made to replace or amplify the present nurses' demonstration as given in hospitals for mothers who are about to leave the hospital. The film was shown at the Hall of Science at the Century of Progress in Chicago during the closing week of the Fair, and was enthusiastically approved by all who viewed it.

The film may be loaned without charge for an indefinite time to any ethical hospital in which, at least, fifty confinements occur each month. The film must be shown at least twice a week and a report of the number of showings, as well as the number of persons who viewed the film, must be forwarded once a month.

At the California Hospital at Los Angeles the film is shown three times a week in the Solarium of the obstetrical floor for the mothers. It was also found advisable to show the film once a week in the evenings for the relatives of the maternity patients as well as the practical nurses who are to assist in the care after returning from the hospital.

Further information may be obtained by writing to Dr. Donald G. Tollefson, 511 South Bonnie Brae Street, Los Angeles.

Membership Certificates.—Have you framed yours for display in your office? If not, do so today and so give publicity to your county society. Patients are often recommended to only consult society members.

Postgraduate Course on Neuropsychiatry at the Menninger Clinic, Topeka.—A postgraduate clinic in neuropsychiatry in general practice will be held at the Menninger Clinic, Topeka, April 15 to 20, inclusive. Lectures, case studies, and seminars included in the five and a half-day course will be exclusively directed to the application of modern neuropsychiatric principles to the cases which the general practitioner frequently sees in this field.

The course will be given by the members of the staff of the Menninger Clinic, with the assistance of Doctors W. McK. Craig and Henry Woltman of the Mayo Clinic, and Dr. Titus H. Harris of the University of Texas Medical School.

Los Angeles County Hospital Clinical Conferences. On March 28 and 29 an important clinical session will be held in Los Angeles, under the auspices of the Clinical and Statistical Section of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

Clinics will be held at the Los Angeles County Hospital.

The Clinical and Statistical Section of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, realizing the desire of the general profession for postgraduate clinics, has made it possible to utilize the material available at the Los Angeles General Hospital. The attendance and interest shown by the general profession will be the deciding factor as to the establishment of clinics held at regular intervals in the future, thus making the clinical material at the County Hospital available to the profession at large.

Clinical lectures will be given constantly during two days in the two auditoriums of the County Hospital by various members of the staff. Each subject will be complete in itself. There will be no general discussions, but opportunity will be afforded those who are particularly interested in the topics discussed to visit the wards or departments of the hospital and see demonstrations of patients. Here questions may be asked and discussions entered into with members of the staff.

All members of the California Medical Association and visiting members of other state associations are most cordially invited to attend these clinics and demonstrations.

There are no registration or other fees required.

The details of the various papers and clinics on the program follow:

CLINICS AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITAL

Thursday, March 28

AUDITORIUM

Obstetrics

Lyle McNeile, Chairman

9:00 to 10:30 a. m.

Complications of Pregnancy: Diabetes, Cardiac, Hyperthyroid, Tuberculosis—D. G. Tollefson.
Toxemias of Pregnancy—Lyle G. McNeile.
Indications of Operative Interference.—E. M. Lazard.
After which, conferences in the wards.

NURSES CLASSROOM

Orthopedics

John C. Wilson, Chairman

9:00 to 10:30 a. m.

Fractures of the Hip—Alfred E. Gallant.
Skeletal Traction—John Dunlop.
Fractures of the Elbow—John C. Wilson.
After which, conferences in the wards.

Urology

Robert V. Day, Chairman

9:00 to 9:40 a. m.

Ureteral Calculi—Harry M. Martin.

9:45 to 10:30 a. m.

Renal Tuberculosis—J. C. Negley.

Urology Staff Room

10:30 to 11:10 a. m.
Prostatic Obstructions—Robert V. Day.
11:15 to 12:00
Bladder Tumors—J. J. Crane.

Surgery

Clarence G. Toland, Chairman
10:30 a. m. to 12:00
Minor Surgery—Paul McMasters.
Plastic Surgery—W. S. Kiskadden.
Chest Surgery—H. E. Schiffbauer.
Ward conferences.

Contagious Diseases

Paul Hamilton, Chairman
10:30 a. m. to 12:00
Scarlet Fever—O. Halverson.
Pollomyelitis—A. G. Bowers.
Technique of Handling Contagious Diseases—Robert Meals.
Whooping Cough—M. Tobias.
Ward conferences.
Buffet lunch.

Gynecology

Rafe C. Chaffin, Chairman
1:30 to 3:00 p. m.
Cancer of Cervix—Wilburn Smith.
Pelvic Relaxation—Henry Shaw.
Pelvic Inflammations—Homer Seaver.
Ward conferences.

Cardiology

B. O. Raulston, Chairman
1:30 to 3:00 p. m.
The Hypertensive Heart—Verne Mason.
Acute Coronary Thrombosis—M. H. Leake.
Cardiac Irregularities—Manning Clark.
Chronic Rheumatic Endocarditis—Richard Ware.
Ward conferences.

Internal Medicine

F. M. Pottenger, Chairman
3:00 to 4:30 p. m.
Hemoptysis—Carl Howson.
Artificial Pneumothorax—E. W. Hayes.
Acute Respiratory Infections—Roy E. Thomas.
Abdominal Ascites—John C. Ruddock.
Ward conferences.

Allergy

3:00 to 4:30 p. m.
Asthma; Hay Fever; Allergic Skin Manifestations—R. W. Lamson.
Ward conferences.

Cautery Surgery

Continuous demonstrations will be held throughout the day by James F. Percy and staff.

Friday, March 29

AUDITORIUM**Internal Medicine**

John V. Barrow, Chairman
9:00 to 10:00 a. m.
Pernicious Anemia—H. P. Hare.
Cardiorenal Syndrome—Harry H. Wilson.
Diabetes—Howard West.
Ward conferences.

NURSES CLASSROOM**Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat**

George H. Kress, Chairman
9:00 to 10:30 a. m.
Hypertrophied Tonsils and Adenoids in Children—Acute Middle Ear—Frank Detling.
Cancer of Larynx—Simon Jesberg.
Syphilis and the Eye—M. M. Beigelman.
Glaucoma—L. A. J. La Motte.
Ward conferences.

FOURTH FLOOR**Urology**

9:00 to 9:40 a. m.
Renal Tuberculosis—A. A. Kutzmann.
9:45 to 10:30 a. m.
Ureteral Calculi—Transurethral Removed—W. B. Parker.
Urology Staff Room
10:30 to 11:10 a. m.
Bladder Tumors—Paul A. Ferrier.
11:12 a. m. to 12:00
Prostatic Obstruction—H. C. Bumpus.

General Surgery

Charles E. Phillips, Chairman
10:30 a. m. to 12:00
Appendicitis—Charles Sturgeon.
Intestinal Obstruction, with X-Ray Demonstrations—George Thompson, X-Ray Department.
Ward conferences.

Pediatrics

Oscar Reiss, Chairman
10:30 a. m. to 12:00
Rheumatic Heart and Allied Conditions—Philip Rothman.
Vitamin Deficiencies, Rickets, Scurvy—Earl Moody.
Upper Respiratory Infections—Oscar Reiss.
Ward conferences.
Buffet lunch.

Internal Medicine

Madison T. Keeney, Chairman
1:30 to 3:00 p. m.
Common Skin Diseases—E. D. Lovejoy.
Syphilis: Secondary Stage—Stanley Chambers.
Wards: C. N. S. Lues; Samuel D. Ingham.
Wards: Psychoses—Martin G. Carter and associates.

Symposium

Roy A. Carter, Chairman
1:30 to 3:00 p. m.
Gastro-Intestinal Lesions:
X-Ray Department.
Surgery Department.

General Surgery

W. H. Kiger, Chairman
3:00 to 4:30 p. m.
Hemorrhoids—Williams Daniels.
Fissure—A. J. Murietta.
Fistula in Ano—E. J. Clemons.
Breast Tumor—C. J. Rowan.
Head Injuries—Carl Rank, G. H. Patterson, L. J. Adelstein, R. B. Raney.

Symposium on Uremia

Newton Evans, Chairman
3:00 to 4:30 p. m.
Uremia—Medical Department, Harry H. Wilson; Obstetrical Staff; Urological Staff; Neurological Staff.
Demonstration of pathological material.

Buffet Supper and Entertainment, 6:30 p. m.

County Medical Building, 1925 Wilshire Boulevard
With a "Road Show," under the direction of D. G. Tollefson.

CORRESPONDENCE

Concerning collection agency standards—A communication from the California Association of Collection Agencies:

March 1, 1935.

To the Editor:—Although the California Association of Collection Agencies has truly made remarkable progress in sponsoring and fostering a high standard of business ethics, its officers are fully aware that only "bachelors' wives and old maids' children are always perfect." As Diogenes said, "To arrive at perfection, one should have sincere friends, or inveterate enemies; because he would be made sensible of his good or ill conduct either by the censures of one or the admonitions of the other."

In an endeavor to be of service to the medical fraternity, and in an ambition to correct and discipline those in our ranks who may carelessly, or otherwise, commit errors that are contrary to public welfare, we earnestly ask that our attitude be brought to the attention of physicians and that they, in turn, notify our Association of any untoward practices on the part of collection agents.

Our Association has just recently adopted a revised code. Among other important advancements, a rule is now in order making it incumbent for agents to furnish clients with monthly accountings whether they are insisted upon or not. This particular rule was initiated by the majority of our members to discourage contracts with buried clauses that often made for dissatisfaction on the subject of remittances. No Association member can now maintain his membership and violate this rule. Eventually, when the law is revised, no collection agency can be licensed unless it makes monthly accounting a practice.